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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action of January 3, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

The following amended clean claim is rewritten in Annexure 1, attached hereto, showing the amendments to the claim:

Sub. 1 > 1. (Twice Amended) A gaming machine for use by a player, the gaming machine comprising:

a variable display for displaying graphical information corresponding to at least one of a plurality of graphical elements necessary for a principal game;